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Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Celebrating 20 Years of Protecting Land in Perpetuity



Marie McCarty
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I invite you to celebrate Kachemak Heritage Land Trust's 20th anniversary. Our anniversary year presents an opportune time to reflect upon our past, and consider our future. It's also a time to thank you for the part you play in helping us grow into a healthy, vibrant organization able to protect land in perpetuity.

I imagine the land trust as a giant jigsaw puzzle with the borders representing the organization framework, and the middle pieces representing the landscape we protect. With the help of many hands, we linked that first border piece to the second, then to a third, carefully building the frame for an organization capable of perpetually preserving land. Once the framework was created, we began placing pieces in the middle one at a time as we conserved parcels of land.

On January 3, 1989, Janice Schofield, Jon and Nelda Osgood, Roberta Highland, Robert Archibald, Mary Pearsall, Toby Tyler, Diane McBride, Devony Lehner, and Daisy Lee Bitter sat in a room in Homer considering the role a land trust could play in the community, and the need for a public vehicle to hold title to land and conservation easements. Their impetus was the imminent State-Native land trade across Kachemak Bay. This small group was the first in Alaska to birth the concept of a land trust into an organization. In doing so, these foresighted people set down the corners of the puzzle.

That summer they initiated a recycling program, began our annual summer program of events, and by July had built a bank balance of \$5,174. By the next year, we had 94 members as the KHLT puzzle quickly grew.

During that same year, the Alaska legislature debated the Uniform Conservation Easement Act, which would allow conservation easements to exist in Alaska. Former state legislator and longtime Kachemak Heritage Land Trust supporter Arliss Sturgulewski sponsored this legislation, so critical to private land protection in Alaska.

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust laid our first middle piece with Yule Kilcher's donation of a conservation easement on his 613-acre homestead property in February 1991. The Kilcher conservation easement was the second conservation easement in the state, and the first held by a private land trust in Alaska. The year before, the National Park Service had accepted a conservation easement on former Governor Jay Hammond's 66 acres across Cook Inlet.

Because we continue to build the puzzle strategically and carefully, we have become a strong, resilient organization, able to steward significant pieces of conservation land. As you travel from beyond the end of the road in Homer across the Kenai Peninsula, there are pieces of the puzzle on the rivers, on the coast, in wetlands, and on high ground, all forming important parts of the larger puzzle we intend to see completed for conservation.

Thank you to each and every one of you who has played a role in this important conservation effort. We look forward to filling in more pieces of the puzzle with you in the years to come.

Marie McCarty
Executive Director

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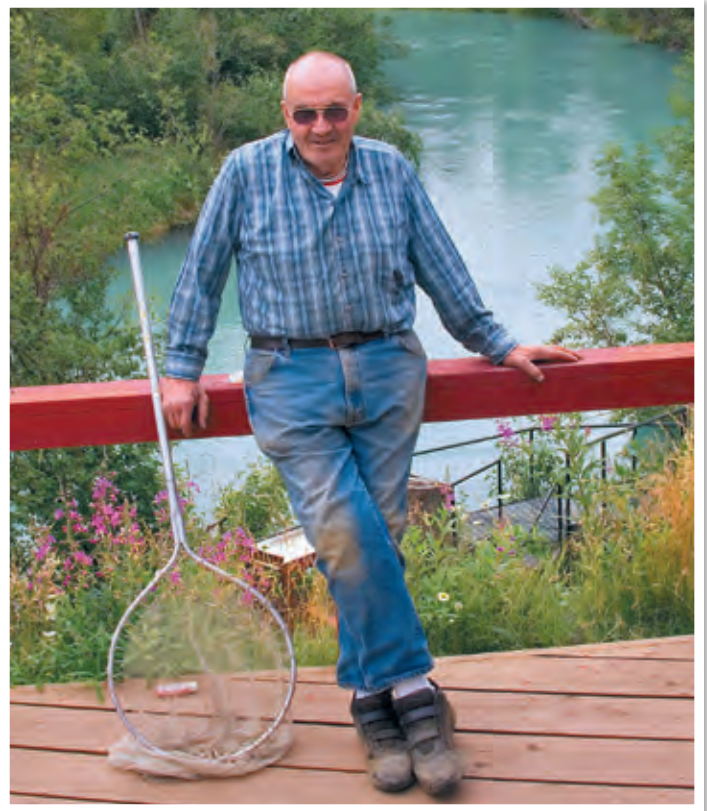
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Thank You, Dale Bondurant

Dale Bondurant was an extraordinary man, even in an extraordinary place and time. A unique mix of sharp intelligence, practical street smarts, and passion for the environment and the public's rights to access wild places, Dale inspired many people in his 82 years. He was born in 1924 in Northwest, Ohio and helped to operate the family farm through his youth. While serving in the military in World War II, he worked in the Pearl Harbor shipyards. After the war Dale traveled the Alaska Highway to follow a dream. He worked at the Anchorage Docks and Fort Richardson, gaining a reputation as an accomplished machinist. He retired after 30 years of "guessing close" and moved to the Kenai Peninsula, where he bought land on the Kenai River in 1988. He and his brother Bob built their home there in 1991.

Working closely with staff at Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, Dale placed a permanent conservation easement on his beloved property, protecting it for its habitat and recreational values forever. He carefully considered the uses he wished to see continue and the restrictions required to ensure that the land and adjacent river ecosystems would not change or be negatively impacted due to human use. The conservation easement, signed in June of 1996, allows for the maintenance and eventual replacement of the existing structures, including docks and walkways at the river's edge, but any additional construction is prohibited. The land and structures can be used for residential and recreational purposes, and only uses that would impact the conservation values of his land are prohibited. Dale's was one of the first conservation easements accepted by KHLT, and Dale was instrumental in our work to expand our presence to the entire Kenai Peninsula. He was a vocal and active advocate for land conservation in Alaska and a true emissary for KHLT in our early days as a land trust.

Dale was known for his dedication to equal rights for the public to access fishing and hunting resources. He was very proud to be an Alaskan, and as he said many times to many people, he wanted to give something back to the state that he loved and that had given him so much for so many years.



Dale at his Kenai River property
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Dale bequeathed his beautiful Kenai River property to KHLT with the understanding that it could be sold to benefit the organization while KHLT enforced the protective terms of the conservation easement with future owners. The land includes 5.8 riverfront acres and a 1.18-acre island, at Kenai River mile 39.5. Diverse and healthy habitat on the land supports moose that calve on the island, black bear and lynx, beaver, river otter and many other small mammals. Bald eagles roost on the island, and many ducks and other bird species use the area. The waters adjacent to the property support all species of Pacific salmon, as well as rainbow trout and dolly varden.

Proceeds from the sale of the Kenai River property, expected to go on the market this summer, will further KHLT's mission to preserve, for public benefit, land with significant conservation values by working with willing landowners across the Kenai Peninsula. KHLT also received a parcel of "trade land" in Homer from the Dale Bondurant Living Trust, and that land was sold recently to benefit KHLT's programs. We are humbled and honored by Dale Bondurant's support throughout the years. His intelligence and his passion for life will forever inspire those of us who knew him. His generous gifts to KHLT and other important organizations on the Kenai Peninsula leave an amazing legacy that will benefit wildlife, residents, visitors and the community at large for many generations to come. ♦



KHLT volunteers

“Adopt-A-Property” Program Connects Volunteers to Conservation Land

The most important purpose of a land trust is the perpetual responsibility to steward the land entrusted to it. This year, supported by a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Kachemak Heritage Land Trust is re-engaging volunteers to support our property management and stewardship responsibilities.

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust currently owns over 1,000 acres for conservation. These properties are diverse and display a range of conservation values including important wetlands near the source of Homer’s drinking water supply, a historic homestead overlooking the mouth of the Kasilof River, and properties that are adjacent to or contain anadromous streams and rivers throughout the Kenai Peninsula. As a small land trust with growing responsibilities, KHLT would like to use the help of volunteers to act as our eyes and ears on the ground, helping us ensure that our conservation properties are appropriately preserved.

To implement this program, KHLT will ask volunteer monitors to oversee the ‘adopted’ properties by visiting the property on a regular schedule and providing an annual report of the condition of the property to KHLT, in a format consistent with our policies. Training for the volunteer monitors will include an introductory site visit to the adopted property with our land manager, guided review of the specific management intentions and property evaluation tools, and appropriate outdoor safety training.

We look forward to growing our organization with volunteers interested in this new program, and hope to expand volunteer participation in property stewardship in future years. ♦



Bill Steyer tests for air leaks

Greening Up the KHLT Office

Many of you were instrumental in helping with Kachemak Heritage Land Trust’s purchase of the log cabin formerly owned by Poopdeck Platt, at the end of Klondike Avenue in downtown Homer. A successful capital campaign raised the funds to purchase the property, fix up the cabin’s exterior, and re-model the interior to accommodate the electric and telephone needs of an office, as well as to make the property accessible to the public.

Last fall Bill Steyer, a certified energy rater and owner of The Energy Saver, donated his time and expertise to conduct an energy rating on the KHLT office. The energy rating measured things such as the cabin’s envelope efficiency, space and water heating systems, and ventilation, to determine how energy was being expended. The result of this rating was a list of energy efficiency improvement options, which when implemented will reduce KHLT’s energy usage and CO2 emissions, not to mention our utility bills!

We look forward to implementing some of these options this year as part of an on-going effort to “green up” KHLT’s business practices. Stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer with KHLT to make these improvements happen. Thank you, Bill, for providing a tool to help us become more energy efficient at KHLT! ♦

KHLT Community Garden

The community garden program at Kachemak Heritage Land Trust is part of our effort to preserve and enhance our community by providing an in-town location for gardening, promoting access to healthy local foods, reducing family food budgets, and beautifying the 3.47-acre "Poopdeck" property in the heart of Homer. We invite you to be part of our growing community by volunteering to help with our new "Potato Project", or by growing your own garden in one of the individual plots. ♦



Potato Project

"The best things that can come out of the garden are gifts for other people." -Jamie Jobb

This year KHLT is growing potatoes for the Homer Food Pantry in a portion of the community garden, with help from some of our friends. Compost to enrich the soil was provided by Jim Van Oss, and Homer Saw & Cycle assisted with tilling the area. Spenard Builders Supply gave us a discount on filter fabric to keep weeds in check, and Neil Wagner donated an assortment of seed potatoes from local sources. Members of Lyn Maslow's students from West Homer Elementary did the planting. Volunteers will tend the plants over the summer, and the elementary school students will harvest the potatoes this fall for donation to Homer's food pantry.

In year one of what we hope will be an annual event, KHLT's Potato Project aims to connect local youth to the concept of locally grown food while also giving back to the community. Please contact us if you are interested in helping out! ♦



Individual Garden Plots

Do you want to become more self-reliant and produce healthy food for you and your family but don't have the space or climate for growing? Do you want to meet fellow gardeners and expand your growing skills while working cooperatively to maintain and preserve green space in your community? Do you want another reason to get out and enjoy Alaska's long summer days? If so, consider adopting a plot in the KHLT Community Garden!

Plots are approximately 6x6 feet and are available to individuals, families, or organizations. The fee to rent a plot is \$25. Kachemak Heritage Land Trust members receive a \$5 discount off the annual rental rate. These fees help defray the costs associated with the community garden. Additional contributions and help maintaining the garden are gladly accepted!

If you are interested in renting a plot, please stop by the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust office at 315 Klondike Avenue in Homer, call (907) 235-5263, or email dorothy@kachemaklandtrust.org to sign up. A limited number of plots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Stay tuned for future events and volunteer opportunities in the community garden this summer! ♦

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust

July & August

Summer Program Events



Saturday, July 18

Summer Birding on the Calvin & Coyle Nature Trail

Time: 8am - 10am

Meeting Place: Mariner Drive Trailhead, Homer

Donation: \$15pp, \$25 family | No pre-registration required

Local birding expert Jason Sodergren will lead an early morning walk on KHLT's Calvin & Coyle Nature Trail. Learn how to find and identify our most common summertime forest birds, and learn about their habits. Get tips on other local birding hotspots too! Portions of the trail tend to be very wet, so waterproof footwear is highly recommended.



Wednesday, July 22

Diamond Creek Beach Geology Hike

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Meeting Place: Head of Diamond Creek Beach trail

Donation: \$15pp, \$25 family | No pre-registration required

Learn about the fascinating geology of the southern Kenai Peninsula while hiking down Diamond Gulch and along the beach. You will learn how the interaction of giant colliding tectonic plates, folds and faults, volcanoes, massive advancing and retreating glaciers, coastal erosion and stream channel processes have all interacted to form the landscape and scenery visible from the beach. This hike is lead by Taz Tally, a Ph.D. geologist, photographer, and author of *50 Hikes in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula*. Bring your camera, and something to cook over a driftwood fire for an evening of fascinating revelations, spectacular scenery and great beach walking. No special hiking skills required, although there is a significant drop in elevation. The route will meander, with lots of stops for discussion and photography.

Saturday, August 8

Mother - Daughter Fly Fishing on the Anchor River

Time: 10am - 5pm

Meeting Place: Whitmore's Anchor Point property

Cost: \$75 per person/\$100 pair with child

Maximum participants: 8

Pre-registration required by August 6th

Call KHLT at 235-LAND (235-5263)

Ladies, learn how to fly fish for trout on the Anchor River, with instruction from local fly fishing enthusiasts Lynn Whitmore and Phil Cowan. This class is aimed to give mothers and daughters a fresh and exciting way to spend quality time together. Meet at the Whitmore's Anchor Point property for instruction on fly casting, then venture to the Anchor to learn how to "read" the water. Bring your own fishing gear, including lightweight fly fishing gear, waders, fishing licenses, water, and lunch. Minimum age for kids 10, nieces and adult sisters ok. For directions and more information, call 235-LAND (235-5263).



Saturday, August 22

Plein Air Painting with Marian Beck

Time: 9:30am Homer harbor pick up

Meeting Place: Vessel "Danny J", bottom of Harbor Ramp 1

Cost: \$100 includes round trip boat to Halibut Cove

Maximum participants: Limited to 10 people.

Pre-registration required by August 19th

Call KHLT at 235-LAND (235-5263)

Join lifelong artist Marian Beck for a class in Plein Air painting. Plein air is landscape painting done outside. This style of painting is characterized by less detail and a desire to capture the moment. Because this work is often completed quickly and without repeated brush strokes, plein air landscapes are usually spontaneous, fresh and bold. Call KHLT at 235-LAND (235-5263) for more information and a materials list.



Saturday, August 29

Birds, Botany, and Alpine Blueberries

Time: 8:30am - 6pm

Meeting Place: TBA

Cost: \$85 includes round trip boat trip.

Maximum participants: Limited to 18 people.

Pre-registration required by August 26th

Call KHLT at 235-LAND (235-5263)

Join naturalist Dale Chorman for a trip across Kachemak Bay with Karl Stoltzfus' Bay Excursions to the Grace Ridge Trail. Hike through old-growth spruce forest and subalpine meadows to enjoy alpine berry-picking in a spectacular setting while also learning about the natural history of the area. Moderately strenuous uphill hiking is involved, so hiking boots and layered clothing are recommended. Bring your own lunch and water, and don't forget your berry bucket!

Program Launching----Two Bits for Land

Author Janice Schofield has formally kicked off our new Two Bits for Land program with a donation of 2% of the royalties from her new book, *Beyond Road's End*, to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust. Jan is a former KHLT board member and executive director, and initiated Two Bits for Land to help celebrate our first twenty years.

This new program will be supported by artists, authors, musicians, and others who choose to contribute 2% of their profits from a particular book, CD, painting, or other creation to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust. Mossy Kilcher has already generously donated a portion of the proceeds from her birdsong audio discs to KHLT, and these donations will become part of the new program. ♦



Janice Schofield


**If you or your business would like to participate in Two Bits for Land, please contact
Nina Daley at 235-5263 or
nina@kachemaklandtrust.org**



Planned Giving: Creating a Legacy

After we're gone, the land remains. But what will it look like? Will the land we cherish on the Kenai Peninsula still support clean waterways, intact ecosystems, healthy wildlife populations, and ample outdoor recreation opportunities? Will future generations thank us for our foresight?

Planned giving enables each of us to make a lasting statement about what is ultimately important to us. Making a planned gift to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust makes the preservation of important conservation land on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula part of your legacy, and ensures that the next generation will enjoy those places with special natural, recreational, and cultural values. Planned gifts are an important means to provide the financial stability necessary for Kachemak Heritage Land Trust to fulfill our mission in perpetuity, and may offer a significant reduction in your estate taxes.

Donations of land and conservation easements are the most visible type of planned gift that we receive. But there are also many other types of planned gifts that can help further our mission and be a part of your conservation legacy. 

Wills and Bequests

A will enables you to designate all or a portion of your assets as a gift to one or more charities. Such gifts can be made through a new will or through an amendment to your existing will.

- **Specific Bequest or Devise of Property**

You specify the exact amount of cash, property (real estate or tangible personal property), or other assets such as securities that you wish Kachemak Heritage Land Trust to receive.

- **Residuary Bequest or Devise**

A residuary bequest allows you to leave all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate to KHLT after specific bequests, debts, taxes, and estate expenses have been paid.

- **Contingent Bequest or Devise**

You may leave part or all of your estate to KHLT contingent on certain conditions, such as other named beneficiaries not surviving you.

Examples of Testamentary Language

- **Unrestricted Bequest**

I give and bequeath to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, a non-profit organization (Tax ID # 94-3104608), with a principal business address of 315 Klondike Ave, Homer, AK 99603, for its general purposes, the sum of ____ Dollars (\$____) - OR - ____% of my residuary estate. *An unrestricted bequest allows your donation to be used where it is most needed.*

- **Restricted Bequest**

I give and bequeath to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, a non-profit organization (Tax ID # 94-3104608), with a principal business address of 315 Klondike Ave, Homer, AK 99603, the sum of ____ dollars (\$____) - OR - ____% of my residuary estate to support _____ (e.g. land acquisition, trail maintenance, historic preservation).

- **Bequest of Specific Assets**

I give and bequeath to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, a non-profit organization (Tax ID # 94-3104608), with a principal business address of 315 Klondike Ave, Homer, AK 99603, for its general purposes, _____ (e.g. a home, acreage, stocks, jewelry, artwork). *Include specific details about the assets for clear identification.*

Other Planned Gifts

- **Retirement Plans**

You can name Kachemak Heritage Land Trust as a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of your retirement plan.

- **Life Insurance**

You can designate Kachemak Heritage Land Trust as the owner or beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

Tax Benefits

Planned giving involves a number of important decisions, many of which may be based on tax incentives as well as family considerations and philanthropic goals. Kachemak Heritage Land Trust is unable to offer tax or other legal advice. For more information about planned giving options, we strongly recommend that you consult your attorney and your tax or financial advisors. With careful planning, you can maximize your family's financial benefits while creating a meaningful legacy through Kachemak Heritage Land Trust.



Tree sorting

KHLT Teams up with Rotary for Tree Sale

Our annual spring tree sale was facilitated by help from our friends in the Homer Kachemak Bay Rotary Club. Rotary volunteers helped choose species and prepare the order form, and then were on hand to sort and package the trees when the order arrived. KHLT thanks our local Rotarians for this cooperative effort to help beautify our community and raise funds for land protection on the Kenai Peninsula. ◆

Homer Theatre Helps KHLT Raise Funds

On May 29th, the Homer Theatre had a showing of the highly acclaimed new Disney-nature film "Earth", with a portion of the proceeds donated to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust. The movie's stunning landscape and wildlife scenes from around our planet were a profound reminder of the importance of land conservation. Thank you, Homer Theatre, for your generous donation and for helping KHLT to spread the word about our conservation mission. ◆

KHLT Acquires a Staff Vehicle

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust recently purchased a 1999 Subaru Outback to provide staff with a reliable and fuel efficient way to travel around the Kenai Peninsula during property evaluations, monitoring visits, and meetings. KHLT would like to thank the Norcross Wildlife Foundation for their support in this purchase. ◆

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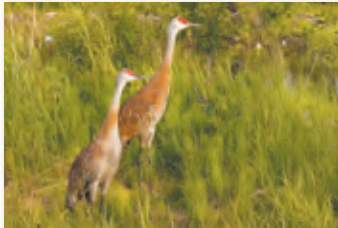
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Please accept our apologies if we have accidentally omitted any names from these lists. We value all of our generous funders and business members!

25 Years of Partnership for Coastal Conservation

David Wigglesworth

Coastal Program Manager, Southcentral, Alaska



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Nationwide coastal areas make up only 10% of the land area, but 80% of the nation's waterfowl and non-game migratory bird species depend on these areas for nesting, foraging and resting habitats. In addition to supporting a diversity of fish and wildlife species, maintaining healthy coastal wetlands in Alaska is vital to sustaining the state's vibrant commercial and sport fisheries, subsistence communities and recreational opportunities.

For these many reasons, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) – Coastal Program is pleased to partner with Kachemak Heritage Land Trust and other land trusts in the state to increase awareness of the importance of coastal ecosystems and to conserve healthy coastal habitats for the benefit of fish, wildlife and people.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Service's national Coastal Program and its partnerships for coastal conservation. Throughout the United States, Service Coastal Programs have pioneered a voluntary, non-regulatory approach to coastal habitat conservation through partnerships with State agencies, Tribes, communities, non-governmental organizations, and private landowners.

The Alaska Coastal Program, established in 2000, implements cooperative agreements and provides technical assistance for coastal conservation efforts, with particular focus on projects benefiting anadromous fish, migratory birds, marine mammals and endangered species, and their habitats. Assistance offered through the Coastal Program serves as a catalyst for innovative conservation projects, ranging from wetland, upland, and stream habitat protection and restoration to development of watershed-scale conservation plans.

The Service's cooperative approach to conservation has leveraged millions of dollars in non-federal funds, actively engaged communities in conserving coastal ecosystems and produced lasting partnerships for the protection of fish and wildlife.

As the Service celebrates 25 years of partnerships for coastal conservation, we want to use this occasion to thank Kachemak Heritage Land Trust and our many other partners for your contributions to protecting and conserving habitat for fish and wildlife. By working together, we can sustain all the many benefits healthy coastal ecosystems provide to our communities and the nation. 

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are vital to the success of non-profit organizations. You can make a big difference to our efficiency by donating just a few hours a month to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, and enjoy the satisfaction of being actively involved in your land trust.

Post Flyers – You can help KHLT get the word out about upcoming events by posting flyers around town. Posting locations can be divided into two or three separate areas for ease of distribution by car, bike, or foot. We need to post flyers weekly from the end of May through June, two or three times a month in July and August, then just occasionally in the fall through spring months.

Office Property Maintenance – As much as we'd like to be out in the yard, our primary obligations keep us busy inside, or in the field elsewhere. Could you come by to mow the lawn and do a little litter patrol?

Mailings – Folding, stapling, stuffing, sealing, stamping - it's not glamorous, but it's so much more enjoyable and efficient with a team. Bring a friend and make it a social occasion while you help KHLT with important communications.

If you are interested in offering your knowledge and skills in any capacity to help further our mission of protecting land on the Kenai Peninsula, please contact us! Call us Monday – Friday between 9am and 5pm, or email nina@kachemaklandtrust.org. ♦

Kachemak Bay Science Conference

On March 7, Kachemak Heritage Land Trust was pleased to participate for the first time in the Kachemak Bay Science Conference. The two-day conference was organized to provide a forum for researchers and citizen scientists to present their findings to one another and the community, and has taken place every three years since 2000.

Speakers discussed their research, citizen science, and local/traditional ecological knowledge (LTEK) projects touching on Kachemak Bay. Kachemak Heritage Land Trust staff made a presentation titled "Science Based Land Conservation Strategies", providing an overview of land trust work and our reliance upon local scientists to inform our land conservation strategy. ♦

KHLT Board of Directors: a Special Class of Volunteers

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust could not have gotten where we are today without the help of our volunteer board members. For twenty years, special members of our community have stepped forward to serve on our Board of Directors, helping to guide, inspire, and raise funds for Kachemak Heritage Land Trust. We are honored and grateful to have had their dedicated service. ♦

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Birthday Greetings from Arliss Sturgulewski

May 1, 2009

Dear Marie:

Congratulations to Kachemak Heritage Land Trust on your 20th birthday. Along with your friends, neighbors and contributors, you have created priceless protection for lands, properties, trails and views in Alaska's beautiful Kenai Peninsula.

As prime sponsor of Senate Bill 123, "An Act Adopting the Uniform Conservation Act," I was pleased my Senate and House colleagues joined me in passing this legislation in May 1989. I must say Alaska was late to enact this basic legislation as some 45 of the 50 states had seen the wisdom of protecting priceless places and adopted this model legislation.

Requests for protection afforded by this legislation came from numerous communities. Mary Pearsall, a co-founder of Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, spoke to a Senate Committee about a major land trade going on in the Kenai Peninsula and its potential impact on historical properties in the Homer area.

Carrie Hoffman, Executive Director of the Anchorage Historic Properties, spoke of AHP receiving two major easements but needed a way to ensure long-term enforcement and tax benefits that should accrue.

It has been most satisfying to me to see the wonderful progress made by Kachemak Heritage Land Trust and other land trusts in our state. It takes a lot of work and commitment by many people to save viewsheds, lands and other properties for use and enjoyment by generations to come. Happy birthday Kachemak Heritage Land Trust. You are a winner!

Yours truly,

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